

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-01043

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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[REDACTED]

Applicant requests that the narrative reason for separation, issued in conjunction with her 22 December 1997 discharge, be changed from "Miscellaneous/General Reasons" to "To Attend School." Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force offices evaluated applicant's request and provided advisory opinions to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinions were forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinions appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board, Messrs. David C. Van Gasbeck, Richard A. Peterson, and Jackson A. Hauslein, considered this application on 20 October 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.

  
DAVID C. VAN GASBECK  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinions
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinions



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MAY 07 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRS  
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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4713

SUB T: Application for ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ of Military Records ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

The applicant, while serving in the grade of senior airman, was separated from the Air Force 22 Dec 97 under the provisions of AFI 36-3208 (Voluntary-Miscellaneous Reasons) with an Honorable discharge. She served 03 years, 08 months 24 days total active service.

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting the separation reason be changed from "miscellaneous/general reasons" to "attend school."

Facts. The applicant voluntarily requested early separation from the Air Force by submitting an AF Form 31 which indicated her reason for requesting early separation was miscellaneous reason. Her application was submitted according to AFI-36-3208, paragraph 3.15 which is the provision for a miscellaneous/general reasons separation. In order for her to be eligible for early separation to attend school her request would have had to be submitted according to paragraph 3.8 of AFI 36-3208 which requires that usually, the date of separation not be more than 10 days before the class start date. In addition, applicants must show they have been accepted for a full-time course of instructions in a recognized Institution of higher education or vocational or technical school. There is no evidence that the applicant submitted the required information and supporting documents therefore, her only option, was to submit the miscellaneous/general reasons request which she submitted on 22 Jul 97 with a requested separation date of 22 Dec 97. The Unit Commander did indicate in her endorsement to the application that applicant desires to enter nursing program in the fall 1998 and must complete certain pre-requisite courses prior to this. The commander further indicated she had been accepted to a university as a pre-major student in the College of Nursing for the 14 Jan 98 spring term. However, with the applicant's desire to separate 01 Jan 98 (as indicated in her application), she still would not have been eligible for a separation "to attend school" because her normal expiration term of service (ETS) was 980328, more than 90 days allowed by Air Force Instructions. The request was approved for her separation to be effective 22 Dec 97. The Air Force approved just what she ask for at the time of her application. The reason given in the majority of applications submitted for early released from active duty under the miscellaneous separation provision is to attend school.

Discussion. This case has been reviewed for separation processing and there are no errors or irregularities causing an injustice to the applicant. Her discharge complies with directives in effect at the time of her discharge. The records indicate member's military service was reviewed and appropriate action was taken. She was not eligible to separate early to attend school because of her requested date of separation was more than 90 days from her ETS and her only option was to separate for miscellaneous reason.

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Recommendation. Applicant did not identify any specific errors in the discharge processing nor provide statements that indicate she was provided erroneous information during her separation application which warrant a change in the separation reason. Accordingly, we recommend applicant's request be denied. However, if the decision is to grant the relief sought, the records should be corrected to show SPD "MCF" and a reason for separation as "To Attend School." She has filed a timely request.



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Dir of Personnel Program Management

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, DC

17 July 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/BCMR

FROM: HQ AF/DPRCL  
1040 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1040

SUBJECT Application for Correction of Military Record [REDACTED]

The attached file is forwarded to you for final action. Our office has primary responsibility for establishing Air Force policy on unemployment compensation for ex-servicemembers (UCX). We interpret the law and determine which separation narratives fall within the statutory eligibility criteria.

Title 5, United States Code, is the legal basis for Air Force policy. It establishes basic UCX eligibility by providing conditions of separation that would qualify for unemployment compensation. Members who separate without completing their first full term must have separated for convenience of the government under an early release program; hardship; medical disqualification, service incurred injury/disability, parenthood or pregnancy; or inaptitude or personality disorder. The Air Force determines which separation narratives would qualify for UCX under these criterion. [REDACTED] separation narrative is not among those that qualify for unemployment benefits.

[REDACTED] separation narrative, as validated by AFPC was "Miscellaneous Reasons." As such, the separation narrative is not among those making an ex-servicemember eligible for UCX. We do not have authority to recommend approval or disapproval of a request to change a narrative reason for separation. If the board elects to change the member's separation reason and questions arise concerning the UCX eligibility of the proposed new separation narrative, we will advise the board on the UCX status of the proposed narrative.

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